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Title : Need to prepare and implement a time-bound action plan for the development of villages in Chandigarh.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH): Sir, the twenty-two villages of U.T. Chandigarh, with an allocation of just one per cent of the UT's plan allocation to the panchayats and resultant neglect cry for an urgent attention. With manifold increase in population over the years, lack of commensurate expenditure on roads and streets, sanitation and health has reduced the UT villages to virtual slums. Declaration of pious intentions to convert the villages into model villages have yet to be translated into action. Non-formulation of a perspective plan for their development involving active participation of the stake-holders and denial of electricity and water connections only point to the urgency of the issue. Various Central Schemes for rural areas have also not been availed of by the Chandigarh Administration.

Accordingly, I urge the Government to prepare and implement a time-bound action plan for the development of Chandigarh UT villages.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rayapati Sambasiva Rao − not present.